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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final official action mailed February 21, 2003, for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for reviewing the instant application.

AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Previously amended) A method for producing an immune stimulating composition comprising:

treating bacteria containing peptidoglycan with an acid treatment solution having a pH of less than 6.8, wherein said solution is substantially free of added raffinose and added enzymes;

removing insoluble components from the solution resulting from said treating;
saving the remaining solution and adjusting the pH to a physiologically acceptable pH; and

obtaining thereby an immune stimulating composition.

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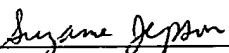
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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p)						\$180
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(x) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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